

City Council Regular

Date: 05/22/2023
Title: Resolution to Extend Energy and Conservation Commission
Presented by: Debi Meling
Department: Public Works
Presentation: No
Legal Review Yes

RECOMMENDATION

Staff recommends approval of the Resolution to extend the Energy and Conservation Commission to a date of December 31, 2025, or when Commission members determine by majority vote that their work has been completed, whichever comes first.

BACKGROUND (Consistency with Adopted Plans and Policies, if applicable)

The City Council passed and adopted Resolution 19-10794 creating an Energy and Conservation Commission (ECC). The duties of the ECC per Resolution 19-10794 are creating and implementing a comprehensive energy and conservation plan that includes: a) An inventory of water and wastewater treatment, waste removal and disposal, pollution and energy efficiency of City-owned-and managed facilities, transportation and equipment; and b) Specific goals and strategies to reduce energy consumption, pollution and waste by measurable amounts; and c) A timetable for accomplishing the outlined goals and strategies; and report the findings of the ECC to City Council on a semi-annual basis. To date the commission has completed a) and b) but has yet to complete c) and finalize the comprehensive energy and conservation plan.

Resolution 19-10794 also states that the ECC will expire at the end of 4 years which began on July 1, 2019. The ECC will expire on June 30, 2023, if action is not taken to extend the ECC.

ALTERNATIVES

City Council may:

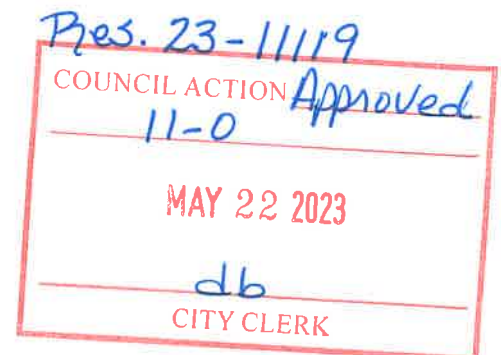
- Approve the resolution to extend the ECC; or,
- Not approve the resolution. Not approving the resolution will cause the ECC to expire on June 30, 2023 with the duties of Resolution 19-10794 not fully completed.

FISCAL EFFECTS

There are no fiscal effects to extend the ECC date. The ECC is a volunteer commission.

Attachments

Resolution to Extend ECC
RES 19-10794



RESOLUTION 23-11119

A RESOLUTION EXTENDING THE DURATION OF A COMMISSION ON ENERGY AND CONSERVATION

WHEREAS, the City Council passed and adopted Resolution 19-10794 (Resolution) creating a Commission on Energy and Conservation (Energy and Conservation Commission) (ECC); and

WHEREAS, the duties of the ECC per the Resolution are creating and implementing a comprehensive energy conservation plan that includes:

7a. An inventory of water and wastewater treatment, waste removal and disposal, pollution and energy efficiency of City-owned-and managed facilities, transportation and equipment; and

7b. Specific goals and strategies to reduce energy consumption, pollution and waste by measurable amounts; and

7c. A timetable for accomplishing the outlined goals and strategies; and report the findings of the Commission to City Council on a semi-annual basis; and

WHEREAS, the Commission has completed duties 7a and 7b above to date but has yet to complete 7c and finalize the comprehensive energy conservation plan; and

WHEREAS, the Resolution indicates the Commission shall expire at the end of four (4) years or when the Commission members determine by majority vote that their work has been completed, whichever comes first; and

WHEREAS, the Resolution indicates the Commission shall consist of seven citizen members, and citizens shall apply to serve on the Commission and must have experience and a demonstrated interest in the fields of energy or conservation, and members will serve four-year terms beginning on July 1, 2019, expiring on June 30, 2023, when the Commission ends; and

WHEREAS, the Commission has undertaken the process of creating and implementing a comprehensive energy plan, and for the purposes of developing specific goals and strategies conducted extensive research on City projects and metrics in order to submit an application for certification to the LEED® for Cities (Leadership in Energy & Environmental Design), resulting in the City of Billings receiving a LEED® for Cities Gold Certification as the first city in Montana; and

WHEREAS, energy technology and potential national funding to help cities identify new energy and water conservation, alternate fuels, transportation, energy sources, and innovations are evolving and the City may benefit from ongoing citizen advisory input in these areas; and

WHEREAS, when the existing Commission and citizen members terms end June 30, 2023, this will eliminate any benefits from citizen advisory input on LEED for Cities, evolving energy technology, ways the City can manage resources effectively to reduce cost, identify potential funding sources to help with these efforts, goals and strategies; and

NOW, THEREFORE, BE IT RESOLVED BY THE CITY COUNCIL OF THE CITY OF BILLINGS, MONTANA:

1. EXTENSION. The Commission on Energy and Conservation is allowed to continue for an additional two years, with the Commission ending on December 31, 2025, or Commission members determine by majority vote that their work has been completed, whichever comes first.
2. APPLICATION PROCESS. Citizen members shall apply to serve on the Commission and must have experience and a demonstrated interest in the fields of energy or conservation. Existing Commission members shall have the option to serve a second term as defined in the City Code and standard bylaws for the City commissions and boards.
3. APPOINTMENT OF TERMS. Each member shall be limited to two (2) consecutive four (4) year terms per Section 2-505 of the BMCC. However, when the Commission ends, members' terms end, even if this is before four (4) year terms have expired.
4. ALLOCATION OF STAFF TIME. City staff may be allocated to coordinate the City's ongoing and future energy and conservation efforts, including but not limited to, Commission facilitation, internal and external communications, and administrative duties.
5. COMMISSION ORGANIZATION. The Commission will continue to operate under the existing bylaws adopted that provide for meeting schedules, officers and their election, and other appropriate conditions for the conduct of its members.
6. DUTIES OF THE COMMISSION. Members will undertake and oversee the continued process of creating and implementing a comprehensive energy and conservation plan that includes:
 - a. An inventory of water and wastewater treatment, waste removal and disposal, pollution and energy efficiency of City-owned-and-managed facilities, transportation and equipment; and
 - b. Specific goals and strategies to reduce energy consumption, pollution and waste by measurable amounts; and
 - c. A timetable for accomplishing the outlined goals and strategies; and report the findings of the Commission to City Council. on a semi-annual basis.

7. EFFECTIVE DATE. This resolution shall be effective upon adoption.

ADOPTED AND APPROVED by the City Council of the City of Billings, Montana,
on the 22nd day of May, 2023.



CITY OF BILLINGS

By: William A. Cole
William A. Cole, Mayor

ATTEST:

By: Denise R. Bohlman
Denise R. Bohlman, City Clerk

RESOLUTION 19-10794

A RESOLUTION ESTABLISHING A COMMISSION ON ENERGY AND CONSERVATION

WHEREAS, the Billings City Council's Strategic Plan for Fiscal Years 2015-2019 specifies stewardship as a value, which includes planning and managing resources effectively, responsibly and efficiently; and

WHEREAS, the Mayor has proposed and the City Council has approved the establishment of a Commission on Energy and Conservation to coordinate the City of Billings' current policies and practices regarding energy consumption and resource conservation, to make recommendations to the City Council and City Administrator for future action; and

WHEREAS, the purpose of the Commission will be to consider ways to conserve energy including areas where the City can reduce the amount of money it spends on energy and ways to limit the City's impact on the environment; and

WHEREAS, the Commission may also recommend additional areas where City government could assist citizens in minimizing pollution and energy consumption; and

WHEREAS, the Commission will be responsible for conducting an inventory of water and wastewater consumption, waste removal and disposal, pollution and energy efficiency of City-owned and City-managed facilities, vehicles and equipment; and

WHEREAS, the cost of implementing energy conservation strategies will always be a consideration but should not necessarily limit the discussion, which could include water conservation, recycling, alternate fuels, alternate transportation, alternate energy sources, building and road construction, etc.; and

WHEREAS, the Commission shall consist of seven citizen members to be appointed by the Mayor and confirmed by the City Council; and

WHEREAS, the Commission may also include up to three ex-officio representatives of City departments, to be appointed by the Mayor and confirmed by the City Council.

NOW, THEREFORE, BE IT RESOLVED BY THE CITY COUNCIL OF THE CITY OF BILLINGS, MONTANA:

1. CREATION. There is hereby created the Commission on Energy and Conservation.
2. DURATION. The Commission shall expire at the end of four (4) years or when the Commission members determine by majority vote that their work has been completed, whichever comes first.
3. APPLICATION PROCESS. Citizen members shall apply to serve on the Commission and must have experience and a demonstrated interest in the fields of energy or conservation.
4. APPOINTMENT TERMS. All citizen members shall be appointed to four-year terms with all terms beginning on July 1, 2019.
5. ALLOCATION OF STAFF TIME. City staff may be allocated to coordinate the City's ongoing and future energy conservation efforts, including but not limited to, Commission facilitation, internal and external communications, and administrative duties.
6. COMMISSION ORGANIZATION. The Commission, upon creation, shall adopt bylaws providing for meeting schedules, officers and their election, and other appropriate conditions for the conduct of its members.
7. DUTIES OF THE COMMISSION. Members will undertake and oversee the process of creating and implementing a comprehensive energy conservation plan that includes:
 - a. An inventory of water and wastewater treatment, waste removal and disposal, pollution and energy efficiency of City-owned-and-managed facilities, transportation and equipment; and
 - b. Specific goals and strategies to reduce energy consumption, pollution and waste by measurable amounts; and
 - c. A timetable for accomplishing the outlined goals and strategies; and report the findings of the Commission to City Council on a semi-annual basis.

PASSED AND ADOPTED by the City Council of the City of Billings, Montana, on the 13th day of May, 2019.



CITY OF BILLINGS

By: William A. Cole
William A. Cole, Mayor

ATTEST:

By: Denise R. Bohlman
Denise R. Bohlman, City Clerk